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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance		
A		US 2001/0021949 A1	ALACRITECH - See whole document especially Fig 1 and Paras 0012 & 0034. Note DMA command queues in memory of network interface.	
A		US 6032179 A	MITSUBISHI - See whole document. Note the storage of pointers to application channels in network interface memory.	
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